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WATER BONDS BRING LARGE PREMIUM

At the regular meeting of the City Trustees, last Tuesday evening the Clayton Water Extension Bonds, an issue of \$55,000, were sold to Sweet-Causey-Foster Company, of Denver for \$58,033.00, or at a premium of one thousand and thirty-five dollars.

There were more than a dozen bidders for the securities and in no instance was a premium refused. The Denver firm, however, had investigated the bonds closely and knew their true value.

Such a premium is the exception rather than the rule, of bond buyers in buying bonds of small towns, and shows the prosperity and business outlook of Clayton to be greater than is usual with most towns of an equal population.

Recruiting Officer Coming

Santa Fe, June 27.—Lieut Jack Collins and Jack Chavez expect to go to Clayton next week to seek recruits for the New Mexico National Guard. They have met with considerable success the past few weeks but have a lot more work cut out for them in view of the urgent demand for 60 more guardsmen to enable the state to have its regiment mustered into the regular service.

The difficulty of getting men is not attributed entirely to lack of patriotism on the part of the recruiting officers. One of the principal handicaps seems to be the physical defects of some kind. It is stated that one recruiting officer went to one of the northern counties and by earnest efforts obtained four recruits who passed a physical examination given by a doctor. Then they were brought to Santa Fe and again examined by a physician who passed three of the four, expressing doubt about the fourth. Then the four recruits were sent to Columbus, where Uncle Sam's medical examiners rejected all four of them, despite their long and expensive journey. The vision of the men did not come up to the government requirements; otherwise they were fit.

Interesting Debate at Horn School

There will be a debate at the Horn school house, formerly known as the Bull school house, Sunday morning, July 2, at ten o'clock. The subject is "Resolved—Secret Orders Are Contrary to the Will of God, And Are Therefore Condemned by the Scriptures." The affirmative will be taken by F. S. Hyso and J. B. Hopkins will take the negative. Mr. Hopkins' stand is to the effect that the secret orders as conducted today are of benefit to the members and the families of the members and are therefore upheld by the scriptures. J. B. Hopkins affirms, F. S. Hyso denies. The debate will probably last four hours, from ten until twelve, and two until four. A basket dinner will be served on the ground.

Extension Work Director Here

A. C. Cooley, in charge of the extension department of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, spent Monday and Tuesday in the city with County Agent Orrin Beatty. Mr. Cooley is well pleased with the work the county agent has been able to accomplish this far. The greater part of the time of the two agriculturists, during Mr. Cooley's visit was taken up in securing the necessary office equipment for the County Agent's office. Mr. Cooley left Tuesday evening for the College.

Villa Joins Carranza, Report

A dispatch from Eagle Pass states that a Mexican refugee arriving at the border at that place reports that Villa has joined Carranza at Monteclova with several hundred men.

POPULAR LOCAL PEOPLE WED Two of Clayton's Winsome Young Ladies Become Brides on Same Day

Miss Mary Mansker and Richard L. Sparks were married at ten o'clock last Wednesday morning at the home of the bride, and Miss Mable Messenger and Carl S. Jenkins were married at the Messenger home the same afternoon. Both weddings came as a surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties. Mrs. Sparks is the daughter of Robert T. Mansker, one of Union County's most prominent men, and was born and raised in Clayton. She is one of the most popular members of the younger social set of the city and is loved by all her friends for her charming manner and accomplishments.

Mr. Sparks has been a resident of Union County for some four or five years and is one of the promising young men of the city and county.

The ceremony, the ring service being used, was performed by the Rev. J. Q. Herrin at the home of the bride, only the immediate relatives and friends of the bride and groom being present. The newly married couple left immediately for Amarillo where they will visit Mr. Sparks' sister.

Mrs. Jenkins is the daughter of Mrs. Oscar Messenger. She received her education in this city and is an accomplished young woman. She has made Clayton her home for some sixteen years and is popular with the younger set.

Mr. Jenkins has made Clayton his home for a number of years and is a workman of ability. He has made many friends who congratulate him on his choice of a helpmate.

The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's mother. Only the immediate relatives of the bride being present.

The two weddings mark the culmination of romances which originated in Clayton and the many friends of the four young people wish them a long and happy married life.

TWO NEW DEMOCRATS AT THE BRYAN HOME

Prominent Union County Democrat, Father Of Twins; Both Democrats and Named for Democrats

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. B. Bryan are rejoicing at the arrival at their home of twin boys, born last Saturday evening. The two boys are named after two great Democrats, Woodrow Wilson and A. A. Jones.

Mr. Bryan announces their arrival in a card to the News which reads as follows:

Mr. High Suthers, Dear Old Democrat:—Woodrow and Jones Bryan came to our place this evening and asked for a home. They promised to be Democrats when they got grown up men so we adopted them. They are the finest pair in the county. Mother and boys doing nicely and the supposition is that their father will soon recover in a short time. C. W. B. Bryan.

Smith Will Raise Company

G. C. Smith, of this city, will raise a company of volunteers composed of Union County men, should the Mexico situation develop a call for volunteers. Smith is enthusiastic over the prospects for a company of 75 to 100 men, and should the President issue the call he feels he will have no trouble in raising the required number of men. Many, he thinks, will enlist as volunteers who are not willing to enlist in the State militia.

County Teachers Institute

Union County Teachers Institute will convene at the Clayton High School, July 17, and will be in session practically two weeks. It is expected that every teacher in the county will be in attendance. An excellent series of lectures has been arranged by County Superintendent Errett and the institute this year promises to be one of the best ever held in this county.

TEXNOMA TAKES FIRST GAME

TEXNOMA GIANTS PROVE THEIR PROWESS IN SWEEPING BRAVE BLUES: FIRST GAME TO VICTORY BY SUBSTANTIAL SCORE.

It's a sad, sad story, mates—Texnoma, the mighty Giants from out the East, attired in their wonderful suits of brilliant red, waded right into Waters' puzzling benders and won the first of a two game series by a score of ten to six. Clayton stickers showed their ability, too but the break of the game was with the visitors, and Clayton fans were treated to another one of those hit when you can and run as far as you can games that are the delight of all bugs, everywhere.

First Inning

Cottle, the first man up for the visitors, found Waters for a single but was caught napping between the first and second stations when Thomas put a ready-made into Kerr's mitt and Kerr relayed the pill to Morton before Cottle could regain his lead. Kruger went out, Maddox to Morton.

Maddox waited out a walk, lead too far off from the initial sack and died there when Miller popped out to Buttonbaugh—hope that guy don't have too many assists—who passed the button to Smith, on first. Waters dropped one right into Clark's waiting arms and was thrown out at first.

Second Inning

Buttonbaugh landed for a three banger but couldn't stop and was tagged out, Moore to McFadden to Maddox. H. Riffe went down, Miller to Morton. Smith found the home-plate and lifted a thru ticket to the second station which proved his destination when Clark flew out to Kerr. Thompson flew out to Kruger; Kerr followed suit to Thomas; Morton fell victim to Smith.

Third Inning

G. Riffe went down, Hatchett to Morton. Stanley rolled out to Waters and was caught out by Morton. Cottle flew out to Maddox.

Moore flew out to Clark. McFadden got a hit, Hatchett was hit by pitcher, Maddox binged the bullet for one sack and crossed the pan when Miller hit the horsehide in the tall weeds for two bases. Waters put the pill in Smith's pocket and the runfest closed when the "lanky Dry Farmer" fanned out.

Fourth Inning

Thomas flew out to Thompson. Kruger got on when McFadden fumbled one—a rare occurrence—Buttonbaugh pickled the pill; H. Riffe followed suit, scoring Kruger; Smith thought Waters couldn't catch a hot one and died when Morton says, "I got you, kid" at first. Clark put one right where Miller wanted it and died a similar death.

Kerr connected and scored when Morton landed for two sacks. Morton was caught trying to stretch it, Thomas to Kruger to Riffe. Moore hit, McFadden hit, Hatchett flew out to G. Riffe, and Moore scored on the slow relay. Maddox was hit by the pitcher. Miller found the pill for a single, scoring McFadden. Waters went out, Buttonbaugh—sounds like a piltne—to Smith.

Fifth Inning

G. Riffe was furnished transportation to first and went to second on a passed ball; Stanley also walked; Cottle went out, Maddox to Morton; Thomas made three attempts; Kruger connected for a long single, scoring Riffe and Stanley; Buttonbaugh—forgot McFadden caught everything that came his way, but won't do it again.

Thompson sood hitched for a ticket but was given a return trip coupon at second, Clark to Kruger to Smith; Kerr couldn't locate the elusive sphere; Morton flew out to Clark.

Sixth Inning

H. Riffe landed safely on the initial sack on Miller's error; Smith connected; Clark was put to sleep, Miller to Morton; G. Riffe got to first when he got a single and mad-

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BUSY SESSION FOR TRUSTEES

Opening of Bids And Hearing Report of Engineer Keeps City Until Late Hour

The meeting of the town trustees last Tuesday evening was one of the busiest encountered so far by the members of the board. The routine of business, hearing of reports and reading of bids for the water bonds kept the board in session until well after midnight.

J. W. Tolley, proprietor of the Virginia Boot and Shoe Shop appeared before the board with a request for further time in moving his shop from within the fire limits and the request was unanimously granted, the board granting him a reasonable length of time to find a suitable location, but instructing him that the limitations of the fire ordinance must be complied with.

City Water and Light Superintendent Claggett was instructed to proceed with the work of connecting all consumers of water and light thru meters, and the work of installing the measuring apparatus is being pushed rapidly.

On account of the increased consumption of water the board deemed it necessary to restrict the hours of irrigation during the next few months. This action is explained fully in the formal notice published in this issue.

After a rigid test, and extensive investigation, the board decided that the Trident Water Meter was the best adapted for local conditions and a contract was drawn up with the Neptune Meter Manufacturing Co. to supply the needs of the city for the coming year.

Consulting Engineer H. O. Duerr, of Denver, appeared before the board and reported that he could not recommend that the city proceed with the underflow proposition. He stated that there would not be, in his estimation enough water collected to make the supply a feasible one for large purposes. The underflow is simply a few of surface water, which might be sufficient, were the drainage area of sufficient acreage to insure a steady flow. This was not the case he believed, and he could not conscientiously recommend that the city spend any more money in investigating the flow.

In conversation with the Newsman, Monday, Mr. Duerr stated that the water developed in the test well was of excellent quality and there was flow sufficient for all ordinary purposes for a ranchman or farmer, but that the drainage area was not great enough to insure a supply for a rapidly growing city.

Abandoning that project, he stated left the city two other sources of water supply; one to dam the Perico a few miles from the city, which would expenditure of money greater than at hand, and which, after careful observation would prove expensive to keep up and wasteful of water on account of the shallowness of the reservoir thus created allowing the water to evaporate rapidly; and the other to drill several wells to the Dakota sand stones, the water bearing rock that underlays the city at a depth of some seven hundred feet.

The latter method of securing an mended to the city trustees and will ample water supply was recommended to the city trustees and will probably be the method adopted. It does not present great pumping difficulties, according to figures presented by Mr. Duerr as the water rises to a considerable height of its own accord.

He recommended that the wells, three in number, be drilled near the electric light plant in order to get the two municipal enterprises as close together as possible.

His report made verbally, contained several other recommendations making for the efficiency of conducting the city water and light supply and embodied a recommendation for overhauling and adding to the presena equipment and the purchase of new apparatus as needed.

"NO AMERICAN TREATY A SCRAP OF PAPER"

"Never in my administration shall it be said that any treaty of the United States is a scrap of paper. We have come to a crisis where acts must follow words. While we have the greatest sympathy with the problems of the people of Mexico and their desire for self government, we have come to the point where we must insist that the lives and liberty of our citizens shall be safe from bandits.

Statement of President Wilson to a delegation of members of the Woman's Peace party.

Young Democrats Meet

Friday night at the Court house, the young Mens' Democratic Club of Clayton had an interesting meeting. G. C. Smith, the new president, presided. The club will meet regularly from now on, the next meeting being called for Friday evening, the 14th. Editor J. W. Kelso, of the Raton Reporter, and Dr. Fuller, also of Raton, were present and made interesting addresses. Both gentlemen are interested in the candidacy of Hon. J. A. Kiker for district attorney.

All democrats, especially the younger men, are urged to attend a meetings of the club.

War May Be Averted

With the Constitutionalist government of Mexico backing down before the ultimatum sent by President Wilson and the release of the American troops held prisoner by the Mexican authorities it is believed that danger of war between the United States and Mexico has been averted for the time being. Preparations for war, however, are by no means being abated. Troops are being rushed to every portion of the border and arrangements for an invasion of the Mexican territory are being perfected.

Visiting Experimental Farm

County Agent Orrin Beatty left Wednesday morning for Tucumcari where he spent the remainder of the week visiting the Government Experimental farm, located near that city. He expects to return Sunday evening. The trip was made in this and he expected to make several stops both on the way down and on the return trip.

Baptist Services

Sunday, July 2, 1916
9:45 a. m., Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Sermon, "Yet shall the righteous hold on his way." The Lord Supper will be held at this hour.
8:00 p. m. Sermon, "Freedom thru Christ."
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. All are cordially invited to these hours of worship.
J. Q. Herrin, Pastor.

Will Visit in Kansas

Paul Chambers, of near Tate, was a Clayton visitor Friday, coming here to take the train for Cullison, Kansas, where he will spend a month or so visiting relatives and friends.

To Spend Several Weeks in N. Y.

Wm. Tuthill, and Mrs. Tuthill, of near Thomas, left Wednesday for New York where they will spend several weeks visiting relatives.

New Screen Doors

New screen doors are being placed in the post office. This is not on account of the higher classification of the local office but simply because screen doors are the only effective method of keeping out the flies.

Two New Residents

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Bender are the parents of a fine baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ratcliff are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter.